

Draft Minutes – MPLA Executive Board Meeting
July 27, 2009 Denver, CO 9:00 a.m

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Present: Mike Mullin, South Dakota Rep; Al Peterson, North Dakota Rep; Mickey Coalwell, Kansas Rep; Basha Hartley, Oklahoma Rep; Mary Katherine Katzer, Colorado Rep; Elvita Landau, Vice President/President Elect; Wayne Hanway, Bylaws Committee; Dana Braccia, Arizona Rep; Judy Zelenski, Executive Secretary and Newsletter Editor; Rob Banks, Past President; Eileen Wright, President; Dan Stanton, Leadership Institute Committee; Robin Clark, Recording Secretary; Julie Beno, Nebraska Rep; Ellen Fockler, Awards Committee; Tamara Meredith, Professional Development; Dorothy Horan, Utah; Deb McCarthy, Wyoming; Rita Severt, Membership Committee; Annie Epperson, Communications Committee; Jerry Hudson, Nominating Committee; Pam Henley, Montana Rep.

Agenda stands as approved

Minutes of the March 31, 2009 meeting approved.

Officers and Paid Staff Reports:

President: Eileen Wright reported that the MPLA Leadership Institute is a go. Dan Stanton submitted a written report. The Institute will be held April 25-30 2010. A down payment for the use of the Estes Park YMCA of the Rockies was placed in December of last year. Maureen Sullivan has accepted the role of facilitator. Judy Zelenski is donating her time and talents to serve as Institute Coordinator at a great savings to the organization. Dan is looking for corporate sponsors.

Motion: Julie Beno moved to keep the institute registration cost at \$450.00 for members and \$500.00 for non members.

Second: Dorothy Horan

Discussion: Keep the cost the same due to the economy. Vendor sponsors of \$5000-\$10000 would be able to send one participant to the Institute. Vendor participant would be in addition to the 30 attendees. \$5000 and below would receive advertising only.

Passed

Motion: Basha Hartley moved to give Leadership Institute participants a free one year membership to MPLA .

Second: Rita Severt

Discussion: Giving participants a membership in the organization would encourage active interest in the organization.

Passed

Motion: Mike Mullin moved that the criteria for Leadership Institute participants be five years of library experience, two letters of recommendation, and demonstrated leadership potential.

Second: Jerry Hudson

Discussion: These criteria will make the institute available to the most applicants. Education requirements have been removed (MLS/nonMLS). School Librarians are encouraged to participate.

Passed

Eileen passed out state rep information booklets to be used for mentoring the next rep.

Vice-President/President Elect: Conference: Elvita Landau reported that joint planning with Oklahoma (April 19-21) is continuing and that they are looking for keynote speakers. The theme is Exploring the Possibilities (compass visual). The call for programs will go out August 1 and be in by the end of September. The committee is asking for good technology programs. Hotel information is set, contact Wayne Hanway if needed.

Elvita reported that the long range plan needed to be revised. She appointed committees of the state reps to look at the current plan, evaluate specific goals and meet back at annual conference to review any revisions. Committees will also review the mission and vision at conference.

Past President: 2009 Budget: Made money on conference, ahead of where we were last year. Memberships are up from last year as well. A CD is coming due September 30, when the CD rolls over we will go from 3% interest to 1% interest.

Motion: On behalf of the Professional Development Committee, Rob moved to transfer the preconference grant money to the professional development grant so that the money would continue to be available to the membership.

Passed by consensus

Executive Secretary: Judy Zelenski reported that there was \$309 net for fundraising from shirt sales. ng Newsletter editor – Glossy paper is recyclable. Judy would like stories about people and really exciting things going on in libraries.

Portal Administrator – Rob Banks reported that the VT Calendar is ready to take live. Rob asked for board approval to take the calendar live, passed by consensus. Roy Degler is also looking at Open Conference system which would allow a central place for conference handouts and papers to be posted. Eileen Wright stated that there is still a little quirkiness with the password on MPLA 2.0 but it is being worked on. Rob stated that Churchinfo has gone back into committee.

Committee Reports:

Bylaws Committee: Wayne Hanway reported that the Administration committee looked at minor revisions to the bylaws. Most changes are terminology related from paper voting to electronic voting.

Bylaws were approved by the executive board; to be sent to the membership for approval at the annual conference.

Motion: Rob Banks moved to recommend the proposed bylaws changes as amended to the membership.

Consensus moves it forward

Membership Committee: Rita Severt stated that she is glad the leadership institute is coming back. Judy Zelenski asked that state reps note the names mentioned in the newsletter and send out invitations to join to those who are not MPLA members. It is an easy way to recruit new members. Three welcomes go out to new members, one from the executive secretary, one from the president and one from the state rep. Rita asked for recruitment ideas for the membership committee

Announcements:

Mike Mullin, South Dakota rep, requested permission to send an email to membership for the purchase of raffle tickets. It was suggested he post fundraising requests to the portal and facebook page.

Dana Bracci, extended an invitation to hold a joint conference with the Arizona Library Association (AzLA) in 2014.

Motion: Elvita Landau moved to accept the invitation for a joint conference with AzLA in 2014.

Second: Julie Beno

Passed

Please encourage members to go to MPLA 2.0 – monthly chat is planned with library leaders.

Watch for more opportunities to raise funds for MPLA – Rubber Ducky T-shirt/beach cover-up

Point of clarification of output for long range planning committees – look at the date, has it been completed, does it need revision, or do we need to add in something new.

Point of clarification of number of MPLA awards – five

Point of clarification about literary award author - can live anywhere.

Motion to adjourn by Mickey Coalwell and seconded by Al Peterson from North Dakota.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.